I.C.P.O. Bulletin

16-23 December 2011

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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16/12/2011: E4/HB9IQB, Palestine DXpedition December 2011 - License has been granted by the Ministry of Telecommunications & Technology, Ramallah, for 160-10m, CW, SSB, DATA, signed by the Deputy Minister. Look for Peri, HB9IQB, to be active as E44PM from the 16th of December 2011, for 7 days. He will probably concentrate on CW and the WARC bands, depending on W6/7 and JA openings. Low band not planned. The rig is an Elecraft K2/100 ATU powered by an Alinco PS DM-330; Scheunemann paddle, Heil Pro Set 4, Microham periphery, Notebook. Peri will be using DX Wire masts and wires for vertical dipoles and verticals. QSL via HB9IQB, direct or bureau. The log will be uploaded onto LoTW one month after Peri goes QRT. Website: www.hb9iqb.ch/palestine.html [dx-world.net]

16/12/2011: Norman, 5B4AIF, will be active as V31NB from the V31MD shack in Placencia Village (WW Loc. EK56TM), Stann Creek District, Belize, from 16-27th December 2011. He will operate on as many bands as possible; SSB only. QSL goes via EB7DX. [dx-world.net]

17/12/2011: Look for Patrick, F8DYD, to be active on 17 December 2011 as F8DYD/p from the Castle of Coussay (DFCF 86-090) and windmill (DMF 86-046 - l'ancien moulin des Roches), commune of Coussay (CP 86110), Department Vienne/86 and Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). He will be QRV on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

17/12/2011: Laurent, F8FSC/p will be active on 17 December 2011 from the Castle of Domblans (DFCF 39-034), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). Patrick, F4GQF/p, will help with the logging. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F8FSC]

17/12/2011: On 17 December 2011, look for Michel F8GGZ/p, and Claude F5MCC/p to be active from the ancient Castle Fort d'Arlay (DFCF 39-035) and the Mill du Haut (DMF 39-071), Department Jura/39 and Province Franche-Comte (DPF 10). QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [F8FSC]

19/12/2011: Arnauld, F4FOO, will be active from Sokode, Republic of Togo, as 5V7MA between 19 December, 2011 and 4 January, 2012, during his free time. QRV on 20m to 10m, SSB only. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [dx-world.net]

20/12/2011: Gerry, VE6LB will be active again as A6/VE6LB from Dubai, UAE, from 20 December 2011 to 10 January 2012. He will operate holiday style mostly CW with 100 watts and a G5RV antenna, with a focus on 12 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, LoTW and eQSL. Email requests for bureau cards can be sent to ve6lb[@]telus.net [425 DX News]

21/12/2011: Martin, DL1ZU, will be active as V5/DL1ZU between 21 December 2011 and 13 January 2012. During his trip through the Caprivi strip, Martin will use an IC-706 with a vertical antenna and dipoles. In Windhoek, he will use a 3 element beam. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

23/12/2011: John, VK6HZ will be active as VK6ARI from Rottnest Island (OC-164, WLOTA 2197) from 23-30 December, 2011. Look for activity on, or near, the usual

island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW. [dx-world.net]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

02/01/2012: Tonio F4ACR, Christophe F4CRE, Denis F4DNU, Jean-Paul F5OQK, Jean-Pierre F6AIM and Jean-Pascal FY5LH plan to operate as TO5G from Royale islet, Salut Islands (IOTA SA-020, WLOTA 0911) from 2-7 January 2012. Expect activity to be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via F5KDR. Further information and log search can be found at: f5kdr.free.fr/ [dx-world.net]

03/01/2012: A 10-man team from the Radio Club of Venezuela plan to be active from the vicinity of Angel Falls waterfall (WW Loc. FJ85RX), the world's tallest (979m) from 3-6 January 2012. Look for them as YX6AJ on CW/SSB/Digi and the Satellites. Operators mentions so far include Lino YY5FRD, Jesus YY5CHJ, Marcel YY5CAR, Wilmer YY5CWM, Alfredo YV5SSF, Edwin YV5HUJ, Jose YV5JF, William YV5VE and Angel YV5NEA. QSL via YV5AJ, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/YX6AJ [dx-world.net]

07/01/2012: Members of the NN6NN RTTY Team will be activating PJ2N from the PJ2T Super Station on Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) during the 2012 ARRL RTTY Round-Up (7-8 January). Ron (N6EE) and Chet (W6XK) will be entering the Multi-Operator High Power category, where they currently hold the world record as VP5NN from 2003. Ron and Chet plan to operate digital modes before and after the contest as PJ2/N6EE and PJ2/W6XK. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN6NN. [Southgate ARC]

11/01/2012: Gavin, GM0LVI, will be active from Cooper Island, British Virgin Islands (NA-023), from 11-21 January 2012 as VP2V/GM0LVI. QRV on 20-6 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

20/01/2012: Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Mbour, Senegal between 20 January and 3 February, 2012. He will be mostly active in CW on the lower bands. QSL via home call. Website, including logsearch at: www.f6blp.org/ [F6AJA]

21/01/2012: Tom, AA9A, will be active from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 21 January and 4 February 2012 as PJ2/AA9A. QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or LoTW. [dxing.at-communication.com]

03/02/2012: Operators Marcelo PP5BK, Fabio PP5BZ, Edson PP5VK, Roni PP5ZB, Jose PU5ATX and Claudio PY3OZ will be active as PS5F from Ilha Santana de Fora (IOTA SA-088, DIB SC-10), Santa Catarina state, Brazil, from 3-6 February, 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10m CW and SSB. QSL via PP5BZ. [dx-world.net]

23/02/2012: Operators Ray N6HE, Jeff K6JW, NZ6L, Bob AB6SY, Clay AB9A, Diana AI6DF and Bill KG6WVF will be active as K6PV/6 from Santa Catalina island (NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912, Los Angeles county), California, from 23-26 February, 2012. QRV on 20m SSB mostly, with some on 40m SSB. They will also be in the NAQP RTTY and CQWW160 SSB Contests. Plans are to be 160-80-40-20-15m-10m capable on SSB, CW, RTTY, and maybe PSK31. QSL direct to QRZ.com address for K6PV. [rsgbiota.org]

26/02/2012: Bob, N7MSU, plans to be active from Belize as V31SU between 26 February and 15 March 2012 using CW, SSB, PSK31. During this activity, he will be QRV from various locations including Caye Caulker, Orange Walk Town, San Ignacio and Gales Point. QSL via home call, bureau or direct (see QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

16/03/2012: Magne, LA2XNA (JW2XNA) and Jon, LA8HGA (JW8HGA) will be QRV on 160-10m with emphasis on the higher bands between 16-20 March 2012 from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard. Look for JW2XNA on SSB/PSK31/63 and JW8HGA on CW. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

13/09/2012: Members of the Black Country DX & Contest Group will activate the Isle of Tiree (IOSA NH04, SCOTIA DI10, WW Loc. IO66ML, WAB NL94), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), from 13th to the 21st September 2012 for seven days. They plan to be QRV from PM on the 13th Thursday. The team will be staying at a very well appointed cottage, Ardnafuaran on the south west side of the island. Team members include Simon M0VKY, Drew G7DMO, Brian G0JKY and Terry G4MKP. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL when they return home. Website: ms0oxe.webs.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

Special station 8J6HAM will be activated between 10 December 2011 and 5 March 2012 for the 11th Nishinihon (or West Japan) Ham Fair. QSL via the JARL bureau for HF QSOs and QSL via JA6PL for Satellite QSOs. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

17/12-18/12 PJ2T: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W3HNK (d)
23/12-30/12 VK6ARI: Rottnest Island WLOTA:2197 QSL VK6HZ (d/b)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

WY7LL/WY7ML - 12/17/2011 to 12/18/2011 - SSB Only
Headed back to Chicago via a stop in Rochester, MN. Sat. Crook, Wyoming into South Dakota * Lawrence * Meade * Pennington * Jackson * Haakon * Jones * Lyman * Brule * Buffalo * Jerauld * Sanborn * Miner * Lake * Moody * Minnihaha * Sunday Minnihaha,SD * Into Minnesota * Rock * Nobel * Jackson * Martin * Fairibault * Freeborn * Mower and Ohlmstead. QSL via home calls. [County Hunter Web]

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6 METRES & UP -

- DXCC: E51; Square: BG08; Start: 2011-12-12 -
E51EME - 6m dxpedition to the South Cook Islands - Just leaving for Rarotonga in the Cook Islands until late January. I'll be replacing the 5 element Yagi at E51CG's QTH with a 7 element Yagi and will be active on 6m with my IC706 and a HB 8877 PA ... mostly looking for Es and F2 propagation, but might appear on JT65a EME at my moonrise or moonset (both over water) during the low degredaation days. [MMMonVHF]

- DXCC: FG; Square: FK96; Start: 2011-12-28 -
Again this year F1DUZ and F6APE will catch the moon from Guadeloupe Island as FG4KH (FK96HF) LATEST NEWS from Phil, F1DUZ, dated 2011-12-05: FG4KH 70cm setup is ready to go !
The last try has been done with success, all is working at the best!
The internet connection is good at FG4KH, so the working frequencies for JT65 and CW will be selected on site depending of birdies. The activity will be a holidays style with more on the week-ends, especially the second one. the operations will start on the 28/12.
The main activity will run in JT65B mode but I hope to catch some

big guns in CW, so skeds will be welcome. Please, if you are interested for a CW QSO, send me a mail at duz[@]orange.fr so we can arrange a sked. The informations about the daily and next activity will go through MMMonVHF and the log on line on our web-site. Please give us a call ! If you have no elevation but good set up on 70cm, try us at your moonset or moonrise! See you soon from the French West Indies ! [MMMonVHF]

- DXCC: PY1; Square: GG76; Start: 2011-12-12 -
EME as PY1EME on 70cm, 6cm and 2m/6m - Hello Mooners - I will be qrv during summer vacation, from now until the end of January 2012. Planned bands are 70cm (already qrv), 6cm (by the end of this month), 6m (starting next week) and 2m (occasionally) More info about 70cm, 6cm and 6m please take a look at PY1KK on qrz.com. For 2m please check PY1EME on qrz.com. Please send an e-mail if interested on a try on any of these bands.
Vy 73 de Bruce, PY2BS, PY1KK, PY1EME. [MMMonVHF]

17/12 RAC Winter Contest 6m/2m included 0000z-2359z
20/12 LY 1296MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
20/12 NRAU 1.3 GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
20/12 RSGB 2.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 05 December, 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

Buzz, NI5DX, has assumed the duties of QSL manager for KG4AJ, Norm, on Guantanamo Bay. A new QSL card will be designed and sent to UX5UO for printing. It will take about 4 weeks to receive the cards once the order has been placed. Buzz is awaiting a log transfer from KG4AJ. Once the log transfer is made, Buzz will able to confirm all past contacts with KG4AJ. Norm is scheduled to be in KG4 land for 2 years. [K1XN]

QSLs via Bureau: AH?BT, CW1GM, DU1IST, P29VEK, PJ4/KP2I, T8CW, UK/JI2MED, VP2MNK and YW5F.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2R (YT1AD), 6O?M (PA7FM), 8R1AK (QRZ.com), FR/DJ7RJ (H/c), FR4NT (QRZ.com), EL8RI (ZS6RI), J69MV (QRZ.com), J79KT (JN1NDY), SV2ASP/A (QRZ.com), V63KZ (JA?VSH), V85TL (QRZ.com), VK?TH (JE1LET), VP8LP (QRZ.com), YK9A (K9LA), YL2BJ (QRZ.com), ZA1G (QRZ.com), ZB2B (QRZ.com), ZD7VC (QRZ.com) and ZD8ZZ (K7ZZ).

QSLs via LoTW: 3V8SS, 9X?VB, C37N, EI6IZ, EL2LF, G3Y, GJ6UW, H4?KJ, LZ9W, MD?CCE, OM3AG, PJ2T, PJ4LS, PJ4X, PR7AB, SP2JKC, ST?R, T32C, TF3Y, VA2EW, VA7ST, VE3RZ, VE6TL, VY2ZM, XE2S, YN2CC, YS1JBL, YU1JW and ZM4G.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/

WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Just a reminder that the 2011 edition of the Radio Amateurs of Canada -- Canada Winter Contest will run from 00:00 to 23:59 UTC on December 17, 2011. All amateur radio operators are invited and welcome to participate.

In addition to the contest rules posted at http://www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests/files/2011_Canada_Winter_Contest_Rules_English_and_French.pdf this year we will run a trial of a new "team" category. There will be no formal awards, plaques or certificates for this trial category, although the results will be included in the contest result write-up -- so please send in some details of your team operation. Individual operators for the team category will still be eligible for awards in their base category (i.e.: SOABLP, SOABHP, SOAB-QRP, SOSB, SOAB-CW, SOAB-Phone). To be eligible for individual awards for team members, individual team member logs must be submitted in Cabrillo format, noting the appropriate base category.

Team Competition: You may wish to form a team with fellow RAC Winter Contest participants. If so, your team must consist of 2 to 5 single operator stations (either QRP, low or high power, single mode, single band -- any mix) whose individual scores are combined to produce a "team score". Although large clubs or other ad-hoc groups having more than 5 members may form multiple teams, there is no distance or "club" meeting requirements for a team entry. Teams may be from anywhere in or across the world. Teams must be registered prior to the start of the contest. Please register before the start of the contest with the name of the team and the call signs used by each of the members on the team. Remember there is a maximum of 5 members per team. Please register by email to canadawinter at rac.ca <mailto:canadawinter%40rac.ca>

There is no robot to immediately acknowledge registration of your team, however I will do my best to reply manually via e-mail. Please send your registration emails early.

Thanks

Sam
VE5SF
RAC Canada Winter Contest Manager

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Merry christmas and a happy new year to all readers.
Manfred -DF6EX-
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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